

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/804,198	SAUNDERS ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. This communication is responsive to an after final amendment filed 2/15/2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-33.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All.
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgement

1. This Office Action is responsive to an After Final Amendment filed on 02/15/2007.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's remarks/amendment, filed 02/15/2007, have been fully considered and as a result claims 21-33, are now indicated allowable. The claims 1-20 stand cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 21-33 allowed.

Reason for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, in combination with other claimed limitations neither teaches nor renders obvious an apparatus having a transmitter configured to send a transmitter signal associated with a frequency a receiver associated with the frequency a signal cancellation circuit coupled to the transmitter, where the signal cancellation circuit is further configured to execute a training sequence including generating a

detector signal based on an amplitude of the training sequence of the transmitter signal, modifying a first amplitude of the first portion of the transmitter signal based on the detector signal, and modifying a second amplitude of the first portion of the transmitter signal such that the second amplitude of the first portion of the transmitter signal is substantially equal to an amplitude of the second portion of the transmitter signal. Such limitations as recited in independent claim 21, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

The prior art of record, in combination with other claimed limitations neither teaches nor renders obvious a method comprising:
phase shifting a first portion of a transmitter signal to produce a phase-shifted signal, the transmitter signal being associated with a frequency; generating a detector signal based on an amplitude of a training sequence of the transmitter signal; modifying a first amplitude of the first portion of the transmitter signal based on the detector signal; combining the phase-shifted signal with a second portion of the transmitter signal to produce a reduced signal, the second portion of the transmitter signal being associated with a reflection of the transmitter signal from an antenna, the antenna being coupled to a homodyne transceiver; and modifying a second amplitude of the first portion of the transmitter signal such that the second amplitude of the first portion of the transmitter signal is substantially equal to an amplitude of the second portion of the transmitter signal.

Such limitations as recited in independent claim 30, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

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5. Claims 22-29 and 31-33, allowed by virtue of their dependency to claims highlighted above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qutub Ghulamali whose telephone number is (571) 272-3014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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